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# News Release

## **ICE arrests 60 in 2-day law enforcement operation** *57 of those arrested are criminal aliens*

BOSTON—U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents arrested 60 aliens during a two-day long enforcement operation. Fifty-seven of those arrested are criminal aliens who have been charged with or convicted of a variety of felony offenses ranging from violent crimes such as rape, kidnapping and attempted murder to various narcotics and weapons offenses. The other three aliens were arrested on outstanding warrants of deportation.



Operation Avalanche was an ICE public safety operation that targeted violent criminals living in Boston neighborhoods. This week's arrests are part of ICE's ongoing enforcement efforts targeting criminal aliens living in U.S. communities.



Those arrested have extensive criminal histories that include either convictions for or charges of violent crimes that include Rape, Armed Robbery, Assault and Battery on a Child With Injuries, Armed Assault to Murder, Attempted Murder, and Kidnapping, Assault and Battery on a Child Under 18, just to name some. Criminal histories also include other violent crimes and a variety of narcotics and weapons related offenses.

"This week's arrests exemplify ICE's commitment to law enforcement partnerships in a joint effort to keep our communities and our country safe," said Matthew J. Etre, acting special agent-in-charge of ICE in New England. "We will continue to work with our partners to aggressively pursue those aliens who use crime and violence to terrorize our neighborhoods and seek their removal from our country."

Forty-three of the 57 criminal aliens are permanent residents of the United States. These aliens are deportable based on their criminal convictions. They have been placed in administrative proceedings and are currently in ICE custody pending the outcome of their cases.

Fourteen of the 57 criminals are illegally in this country. Each of these has been placed in administrative proceedings and is currently in ICE custody pending the outcome of their cases.

The three individuals arrested on outstanding warrants of removal are currently in custody pending their removal from the U.S.

ICE was assisted in this operation by the Boston Police Department, the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department, the U.S. Marshal's Service, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Middlesex County Sheriff's Department, the Suffolk County Probation Office, the Social Security Administration Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigations, the U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service, the Massachusetts State Police, the U.S. Attorney's office, the Bristol County Sheriff's Department and the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department during this two-day operation.

The 60 who were arrested in this operation are citizens of the following 21 countries: Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cape Verde, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ghana, Greece, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Nigeria, St. Vincent, Trinidad, United Kingdom and Vietnam.

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